REMARKS

On appeal, the Board affirmed the rejection of claims 1-10 and reversed the rejections of

claims 19-29. Claims 11-18 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claim 30 was not

involved in the appeal, having previously been found allowable but for its dependence from a

rejected base claim.

Applicants have accordingly canceled claims 1-18 to obtain allowance of the claims.

Claims 19 and 30 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1 from which they

depended. Dependencies of claims 2-5 have been amended from claim 1 to claim 30. Claims

11-18 have been canceled only because they have not been considered. Applicants reserve the

right to present these claims in a continuing application. Claim 29 was amended per the request

of the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and

requests that it be allowed to issue.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 713-934-4053 with any

questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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